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SUBJECT: UN FINANCES - FINANCING OF UNEF

REFS: USUN 5212; USUN 5340 (NOTAL)

1. WE FULLY SHARE USDEL'S GOAL OF AVOIDING ANY TAMPERING
WHATSOEVER WITH PRESENT UNEF ASSESSMENT FORMULA. WE
WONDER, HOWEVER, IF ATTEMPT TO PRESSURE PORTUGUESE TO
REMAIN QUIET YET ANOTHER YEAR WOULD ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH
THIS END. WE ARE MINDFUL THAT NEW MEMBER STATES WILL BE
ASSIGNED TO CATEGORIES ESTABLISHED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FOR UNEF ASSESSMENTS AND THIS PROCESS WILL INEVITABLY DIR-
ECT ATTENTION TO MUTABILITY OF CURRENT UNEF FINANCING
ARRANGEMENTS. (SEE RESOLUTION RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE ON
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CONTRIBUTIONS AND RECENTLY PASSED BY UN FIFTH COMMITTEE

RELATING TO FORTHCOMING ASSIGNMENT BY UNGA OF BANGLADESH,
GRENADA AND GUINEA-BISSAU TO GROUP OF UNEF CONTRIBUTORS.)

2. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, WISH TO LIMIT SUCH ADJUSTMENTS TO
MINIMUM WITH A VIEW TOWARD PROTECTING THE U.S. ASSESSMENT
AGAINST ANY PERCENTAGE INCREASE. NEVERTHELESS, GIVEN THE
EQUITY OF THE PORTUGUESE ARGUMENT AND THE APPARENT LDC
SYMPATHY FOR THE PORTUGUESE CASE, IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW THE
PORTUGUESE POSITION WOULD IN ITSELF ENDANGER THE UNEF

SCALE.

3. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, BE PREPARED TO RECONSIDER MERITS
OF APPROACH TO PORTUGUESE HERE AND IN LISBON IF USDEL
CONSIDERS IT TO BE DECISIVE FACTOR IN MAINTENANCE OF PRE-
SENT U.S. ASSESSMENT. WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO USDEL
STATING PREFERENCE THAT PORTUGUESE LET MATTER RIDE FOR ONE
MORE YEAR. KISSINGER

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